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In 1902, at just eighteen years old, Eleanor Roosevelt began her career in social work as a dance teacher at the College Settlement on Rivington Street, not far from where the Lower East Side Tenement Museum stands today.

During this time, Eleanor may have even visited 97 Orchard Street as garment factory inspector for the National Consumers League. A member of the Junior League for the Promotion of Settlement Movements, she sought to improve the lives of the immigrants living on the Lower East Side.

Eleanor was born into a prosperous family in Manhattan at 56 West 37th Street in 1884. With her social position and affluence, she could have lived the comfortable life of a debutante, but her exposure to the immigrant experience on the Lower East Side helped to inspire her lifelong dedication to human rights.

"It taught me an understanding of a side of life that might have remained to me a closed book if I had not come in close contact with settlement work," Eleanor wrote in her popular syndicated newspaper column, *My Day*.

Today, the Lower East Side Tenement Museum provides a window into the immigrant experience for more than 55,000 visiting school children each year. Students learn about the challenges of beginning a new life in a strange country and gain new perspectives on immigration and social justice.

**Please help the Tenement Museum inspire the next generation of Eleanor Roosevelts with a donation today.**

*Thank you for your support.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Morris J. Vogel".

Morris J. Vogel  
President